### **HOUSE JOURNAL**

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### **PROCEEDINGS**

#### FIFTH DAY — WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2003

The house met at 11 a.m. and, at the request of the speaker, was called to order by Representative Chisum.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 28).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Allen; Alonzo; Baxter; Berman; Bohac; Bonnen; Branch; Brown, B.; Brown, F.; Burnam; Callegari; Campbell; Canales; Capelo; Casteel; Castro; Chavez; Chisum; Christian; Coleman; Cook, B.; Cook, R.; Corte; Crabb; Crownover; Davis, J.; Davis, Y.; Delisi; Denny; Deshotel; Driver; Dukes: Dutton: Edwards: Eiland: Eissler: Elkins: Ellis: Escobar: Farabee: Farrar: Flores; Flynn; Gallego; Garza; Gattis; Geren; Giddings; Goodman; Goolsby; Griggs; Grusendorf; Guillen; Gutierrez; Haggerty; Hamilton; Hardcastle; Harper-Brown: Hartnett: Heflin: Hegar: Hilderbran: Hill: Hochberg: Hodge: Hope; Hopson; Howard; Hughes; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Keel; Keffer, B.; King; Kolkhorst; Krusee; Kuempel; Laubenberg; Lewis; Luna; Mabry; Marchant; Martinez Fischer; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Menendez; Mercer; Merritt; Miller; Moreno, J.; Moreno, P.; Morrison; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Olivo; Paxton; Peña; Phillips; Pickett; Pitts; Puente; Quintanilla; Raymond; Reyna; Riddle; Ritter; Rodriguez; Rose; Seaman; Smith, T.; Smith, W.; Smithee; Solis; Solomons; Stick; Swinford; Talton; Taylor; Telford; Truitt; Turner; Uresti; Van Arsdale; Villarreal; West; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Wong; Woolley; Zedler.

Absent, Excused — Bailey; Dawson; Dunnam; Homer; Laney; Noriega; Oliveira.

Absent — Hamric; Jones, E.; Keffer, J.; Madden; Thompson.

The invocation was offered by Randal Wyles, pastor, South Austin Church of the Nazarene, Austin, as follows:

Father, we have come onto the stage of life in the last 15 seconds of time, as it were, but you are from everlasting to everlasting. One generation after another has humbly come before you to seek your face or your hand, to thank you or to ask of you. Lord, you have blessed us in such awesome ways! We live in one of the greatest nations on planet Earth and in one of the greatest states in our nation. For this legislative body, you have granted them the privilege of being in a position to help mold and shape the future for millions of people here in Texas.

Father, this morning, I come asking for your hand on our house of representatives. As they do today's business, give them wisdom in their judgment and pure hearts for their motives. With the voices of various interest groups beckoning them, help them to truly represent the best interest of their constituents. Father, work through the maze of legislation done today to bring about what would truly be your highest good for the people of Texas.

Lead our speaker as he leads us. Guide our hearts, use our minds, and at the close of today's business, may Texas be a better place than it is now.

Speaking on behalf of our representatives, may I humbly say, "Thank you" for allowing us the privilege of being in a position to truly make a difference. May we do so today.

In the name of our Lord, we give you praise. Amen.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

Dunnam on motion of Mabry.

Homer on motion of R. Cook.

Oliveira on motion of R. Cook.

The following members were granted leave of absence for today because of important business:

Laney on motion of Chisum.

Noriega on motion of R. Cook.

The following members were granted leave of absence for today because of illness in the family:

Bailey on motion of Mabry.

Dawson on motion of Wong.

#### CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The chair recognized Representative Puente who presented Dr. David Schneider of San Antonio as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Schneider and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

# HR 99 - ADOPTED (by Wong)

Representative Wong moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 99**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

**HR 99**, Commemorating the grand opening of the Houston Taiwan Institute for Senior Citizens.

HR 99 was adopted without objection.

### HR 96 - ADOPTED (by Haggerty)

Representative Pickett moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 96**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 96**, Commemorating the consecration of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church in El Paso.

HR 96 was adopted without objection.

### HR 82 - ADOPTED (by Campbell)

Representative Campbell moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 82**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 82**, In memory of Donna Sue Fowler, executive director of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

HR 82 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

(Hamric, E. Jones, and Madden now present)

### HR 100 - ADOPTED (by B. Cook)

Representative B. Cook moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time  $HR\ 100$ .

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 100**, Congratulating Col. Jimmie C. "J.J." Jackson, Jr., on his appointment as wing commander of the 305th Air Mobility Wing.

HR 100 was adopted without objection.

## HR 84 - ADOPTED (by Peña)

Representative Peña moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 84**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

HR 84, Honoring Rodolfo E. Garza of Edinburg for his 25 years of service in education

HR 84 was adopted without objection.

### HR 85 - ADOPTED (by Peña)

Representative Peña moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 85**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 85**, Honoring Francisco Lumbreras for his many contributions to the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District.

**HR 85** was adopted without objection.

# HR 86 - ADOPTED (by Peña)

Representative Peña moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 86**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 86, Honoring Enrique Gonzalez, Jr., of Edinburg for his 30 years of service in education.

HR 86 was adopted without objection.

# HR 87 - ADOPTED (by Peña)

Representative Peña moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 87**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 87, Commending Noe Torres on his civic contributions.

HR 87 was adopted without objection.

# HR 97 - ADOPTED (by Peña)

Representative Peña moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 97**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

**HR 97**, Commending Belisario Lumbreras Guerrero of Edinburg on his contributions to his community and profession.

HR 97 was adopted without objection.

# HR 98 - ADOPTED (by Peña)

Representative Peña moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 98**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 98**, Commending Ruben Gonzalez of Edinburg on his contributions to his community and profession.

**HR 98** was adopted without objection.

# HR 88 - ADOPTED (by Wilson)

Representative Wilson moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 88**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 88, Honoring Houston historian and educator Willie Lee Gay.

HR 88 was adopted without objection.

### HR 89 - ADOPTED (by Flynn)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 89**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 89**, Honoring Milton "Milt" Covert and Rose Covert of Greenville on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 89 was adopted without objection.

# HR 90 - ADOPTED (by Flynn)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 90**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

**HR 90**, Honoring Lloyd Arthur Flanagan and Letha Faye Flanagan of Leonard on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 90 was adopted without objection.

### HR 91 - ADOPTED (by Flynn)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 91**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 91**, Honoring Orman and June Roderick of Ladonia on their 50th wedding anniversary.

**HR 91** was adopted without objection.

### HR 92 - ADOPTED (by Flynn)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 92**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 92**, Honoring R. W. and Kay Spraggins of Greenville on their 60th wedding anniversary.

HR 92 was adopted without objection.

### HR 95 - ADOPTED (by Flynn)

Representative Flynn moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 95**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 95**, Honoring Pastor Larry Allgood on his 30th pastoral anniversary.

HR 95 was adopted without objection.

### HR 83 - ADOPTED (by Solomons)

Representative Solomons moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 83**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

HR 83, Recognizing November 3-7, 2003, as Municipal Courts Week.

HR 83 was adopted without objection.

### HR 101 - ADOPTED (by Mabry)

Representative Mabry moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 101**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 101**, Congratulating Brandon M. Morgan of Lorena on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 101 was adopted without objection.

# HR 102 - ADOPTED (by Mabry)

Representative Mabry moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 102**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 102**, Honoring Carlton J. Lemley of Lorena for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

HR 102 was adopted without objection.

# HR 103 - ADOPTED (by McReynolds)

Representative McReynolds moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 103**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 103**, Honoring Kent Hutchison on his retirement from Stephen F. Austin State University.

HR 103 was adopted without objection.

# HR 81 - ADOPTED (by Gallego)

Representative McReynolds moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 81**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 81**, Congratulating Dr. Mary Sue Pannell on her retirement from Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College.

HR 81 was adopted without objection.

### HR 93 - ADOPTED (by Hughes)

Representative Hughes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 93**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 93**, Congratulating Wayne Arnold of Gilmer on his installation as governor of Rotary District 5830.

**HR 93** was adopted without objection.

### HR 94 - ADOPTED (by Hughes)

Representative Hughes moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 94**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 94**, Honoring Don and Peggy Ditto of Winnsboro on their 50th wedding anniversary.

HR 94 was adopted without objection.

### HR 80 - ADOPTED (by Branch and E. Jones)

Representative E. Jones moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 80**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 80**, Honoring Dr. Charles L. Branch and Mrs. Sylvia L. Boswell Branch of San Antonio on their golden wedding anniversary.

HR 80 was adopted without objection.

# HR 105 - ADOPTED (by Howard)

Representative Howard moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 105**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 105**, In memory of Judge James C. "Jim" Adolphus of Fort Bend County.

HR 105 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

On motion of Representative Wohlgemuth, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 105** as signers thereof.

### HR 58 - ADOPTED (by Gattis)

Representative Eissler moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 58**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 58**, Honoring U.S. Army Private Alan Babin of Round Rock for bravery displayed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

HR 58 was adopted without objection.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Goolsby on motion of McCall.

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of medical reasons:

Luna on motion of McClendon.

(Speaker in the chair)

### HCR 8 - ADOPTED (by Chisum)

Representative Chisum moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HCR 8**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

#### HCR 8

WHEREAS, Section 17, Article III, Texas Constitution, provides that neither house of the legislature may adjourn for more than three days without the consent of the other house; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas, 2nd Called Session, That each house grant the other permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Thursday, August 14, 2003, and ending on Monday, August 18, 2003.

HCR 8 was adopted.

### BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The following bill was laid before the house as unfinished business:

### HB 16 ON THIRD READING (by Swinford)

**HB 16**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the qualifications of the commissioner of insurance.

**HB 16** was passed. (Chisum and D. Jones recorded voting no)

#### POSTPONED BUSINESS

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

### HB 3 ON SECOND READING (by Swinford)

- **HB 3**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the compilation and distribution of the state budget by the governor.
- **HB 3** was read second time on August 5, postponed until 2 p.m. August 8, and was again postponed until the end of the calendar on August 8.

#### Amendment No. 1

Representative McCall offered the following amendment to **HB 3**:

Amend **HB 3** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill as appropriate:

SECTION \_\_\_\_. (a) Rider 11 under the Fiscal Programs-Comptroller of Public Accounts, Article I, **HB 1**, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003 (pages I-37 and I-38), is amended to read as follows:

- 11. Appropriation of Tax Refunds. As much of the respective taxes, fees, and charges, including penalties or other financial transactions administered or collected by the Comptroller as may be necessary is hereby appropriated and set aside to pay refunds, interest, and any costs and attorney fees awarded in court cases, as provided by law, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
- a. Unless another law, or section of this Act, provides a period within which a particular refund claim must be made, funds appropriated herein may not be used to pay a refund claim made under this section after four years from the latest date on which the amount collected or received by the State was due, if the amount was required to be paid on or before a particular date. If the amount was not required to be paid on or before a particular date, a refund claim may not be made after four years from the date the amount was collected or received. A person who fails to make a refund claim within the period provided by law, or this provision, shall not be eligible to receive payment of a refund under this provision.
- b. As a specific limitation to the amount of refunds paid from funds appropriated in this Act during the 2004-05 biennium, the Comptroller shall not approve claims or issue warrants for refunds in excess of the amount of revenue estimated to be available from the tax, fee, or other revenue source during the biennium according to the Biennial Revenue Estimate of the Comptroller of

Public Accounts used for certification of this Act. Any claim or portion of a claim which is in excess of the limitation established by this subsection "b" shall be presented to the next legislature for a specific appropriation in order for payment to be made. The limitation established by this subsection "b" shall not apply to any taxes or fees paid under protest.

[e. None of the funds appropriated by this provision may be expended to pay a refund claim, a final judgement, or a settlement, including any statutory interest thereon or any costs and attorney fees awarded by court order, that is in excess of \$250,000. Any claim that is in excess of the limitation established by this subsection "e" shall be presented to the legislature for a specific appropriation in order for payment to be made.

[d. None of the funds appropriated by this provision may be expended to pay a refund claim, a final judgment, or a settlement, including any statutory interest thereon or any costs and attorney fees awarded by court order, that would cause the aggregate amount paid to, or on behalf of, an individual or entity pursuant to this provision during the biennium beginning September 1, 2003, to exceed \$250,000. Any claim that is in excess of the limitation established by this subsection "d" shall be presented to the legislature for a specific appropriation in order for payment to be made.

[e. The limitations established by subsection "e" and subsection "d" do not apply to a payment made:

[(1) on a final judgment in those cases where the judgment order of the trial court was entered prior to the effective date of this Act,

[(2) on a settlement agreement executed prior to the effective date of this Act, or

[(3) on a Comptroller's final decision issued prior to the effective date of this Act.

[f. For purposes of this provision, "final judgment" means a judgment rendered in a federal court or a court in this state for which an appeal or rehearing, or application therefor, is not pending and for which the time limitations for appeal or rehearing have expired. For the purposes of this provision, a Comptroller's final decision means a decision of the Comptroller which is administratively final and for which limitations has expired for seeking rehearing or filing a lawsuit in court. For the purposes of this provision, a "settlement agreement" must be in writing and signed by the necessary parties. A settlement agreement shall be deemed to be "executed" on the date upon which the last signature of a necessary party is affixed thereon.

[g. The payment of a settlement or final judgment may be made only with a complete release from any and all related claims and causes against the State, and in the case of a judgment, the payment may be made only in full satisfaction of that judgment.

[h. Subsection "e" and subsection "d" shall not apply to a refund granted pursuant to an informal review under Section 111.1042 of the Tax Code, if that refund claim is filed with the Comptroller no later than 120 days after the original due date of the report for the period for which the refund is claimed.

- [i. This provision shall not apply to refunds of unclaimed property made pursuant to Title 6 of the Property Code.
- [j. Except pursuant to this provision, none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be expended to pay a refund of any tax, fee, penalty, charge, or other assessment collected or administered by the Comptroller or to pay a judgment, settlement, or administrative hearing decision, including any statutory interest thereon or any costs and attorney fees awarded by court order, relating to a refund of any tax, fee, penalty, charge or other assessment collected or administered by the Comptroller.]
- (b) This section applies to a tax refund payable from funds appropriated by **HB 1**, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, regardless of whether the refund becomes payable before, on, or after the effective date of this section.
- (c) This section takes effect immediately if this Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this section takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

**HB 3**, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (D. Jones recorded voting no)

### MAJOR STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS THIRD READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read third time:

### HB 28 ON THIRD READING (by W. Smith)

**HB 28**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to compliance histories for and incentives to reward compliance performance by entities regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

#### Amendment No. 1

Representative W. Smith offered the following amendment to **HB 28**:

Amend **HB 28** on third reading in SECTION 7 of the bill by striking "November" and substituting "December".

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

HB 28, as amended, was passed.

#### POSTPONED BUSINESS

The following bills were laid before the house as postponed business:

### HB 9 ON THIRD READING (by Swinford)

**HB 9**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the conservation of energy and water by state agencies.

**HB 9** was read third time on August 8 and was postponed until the end of the third reading calendar on August 8.

#### Amendment No. 1

Representative Hughes offered the following amendment to **HB 9**:

Amend **HB 9** on third reading by striking the SECTION of the bill added by Amendment No. 2 on second reading, and substituting the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 430.003, Local Government Code, as added by **HB 2425**, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 430.003. EXEMPTIONS OF <u>CERTAIN</u> [STATE] PROPERTY FROM INFRASTRUCTURE FEES. (a) No county, municipality, or utility district may collect from a state agency or public institution of higher education any fee charged for the development or maintenance of programs <u>or</u> [of] facilities for the control of excess water or storm water.

(b) A county, municipality, or utility district may collect from a private institution of higher education a fee charged for the development or maintenance of programs or facilities for the control of excess water or storm water only if the county, municipality, or utility district imposed the fee before May 30, 2003.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

HB 9, as amended, was passed.

### HB 11 ON THIRD READING (by Swinford)

- **HB 11**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to designating the presiding officer of the governing body of certain state agencies.
- **HB 11** was read third time on August 8 and was postponed until the end of the third reading calendar on August 8.
  - (J. Keffer now present)
  - HB 11 was passed. (Chisum and D. Jones recorded voting no)

### MAJOR STATE CALENDAR HOUSE BILLS SECOND READING

The following bills were laid before the house and read second time:

### HB 12 ON SECOND READING (by Swinford)

**HB 12**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the administration of certain legislative agencies.

#### **HB 12 - POINT OF ORDER**

Representative Mabry raised a point of order against further consideration of **HB 12** under Rule 1, Section 10 of the House Rules on the grounds that the speaker failed to deliver a written order to the chief clerk and a copy to the journal clerk authorizing Representative Chisum to call the house to order.

The speaker overruled the point of order.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Martinez Fischer on motion of Hopson.

### **HB 12 - (consideration continued)**

#### Amendment No. 1

Representative Solomons offered the following amendment to **HB 12**:

Amend **HB 12** as follows:

On page 6, strike line 26 and replace with the following: "This act takes effect December 1, 2003, except that Section 15 of this Act takes effect September 1, 2003."

Amendment No. 1 was adopted without objection.

**HB 12**, as amended, was passed to engrossment. (Chisum and D. Jones recorded voting no)

# CSHB 23 ON SECOND READING (by Swinford)

**CSHB 23**, A bill to be entitled An Act relating to the organization and duties of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

**CSHB 23** was passed to engrossment. (D. Jones recorded voting no)

### HR 107 - ADOPTED (by Alonzo)

Representative Alonzo moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 107**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 107**, Commending the Mexican consulates in Texas on their support and administration of the Matricula Consular identification card program.

HR 107 was adopted without objection.

### HR 108 - ADOPTED (by Alonzo)

Representative Alonzo moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 108**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 108**, Commending the "Communities Banking for Safety: Seguridad Bancaria" program of the North Texas police departments.

HR 108 was adopted without objection.

# HR 109 - ADOPTED (by J. Jones)

Representative J. Jones moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 109**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The following resolution was laid before the house:

**HR 109**, Honoring Catherine Ferguson on her 80th birthday.

HR 109 was adopted without objection.

#### **HB 16 - STATEMENT OF VOTE**

On August 8, I was shown voting yes on Record No. 27 (final passage of **HB 16**). I intended to vote no.

Mabry

#### ADJOURNMENT

Representative Chisum moved that the house adjourn until 11 a.m. Monday, August 18 in memory of Andrew Pickett Mobley of Austin.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The house accordingly, at 12:21 p.m., adjourned until 11 a.m. Monday, August 18.

### **ADDENDUM**

#### REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

#### List No. 1

**HB 48** (By Haggerty), Relating to the operation of community supervision and corrections departments and to the early release of a defendant from community supervision.

To Corrections.

**HB 49** (By Hochberg, Pitts, Puente, West, J. Jones, et al.), Relating to the reapportionment of congressional districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

To State Affairs.

**HB 50** (By McReynolds, Eissler, Truitt, and Callegari), Relating to the filing of personal financial statements by members of the boards of trustees of school districts.

To Ethics, Select.

**HB 51** (By Merritt), Relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operations, and financing of a border region high-speed rail authority for the Texas-Louisiana and the Texas-Mexico border regions; granting the power to issue bonds; imposing a tax; granting the power of eminent domain.

To Border and International Affairs.



ENGROSSED

August 11 - HB 4, HB 7, HB 8, HB 13, HB 14, HB 15